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Members of the Wisconsin Legislature,

As someone elected on a platform of finding government waste, the recent news regarding Dane County spending \$55,000 on a <u>study</u> got my attention.

Big government spenders believe that government does not have enough money and that legislators should raise taxes for more revenue. I completely disagree with that logic. Simply put, government spends too much money and we need to cut spending.

For example, the money spent on the study by Dane County Clerk McDonell cost taxpayers \$55,000. This was a complete waste of money.

Why was Dane County using its money surveying mostly residents of Milwaukee County, as 72% of the surveys were sent to Milwaukee County?

I am a strong believer that every dollar of government spending needs to be spent wisely—this expenditure was not.

It would be my recommendation that the Legislature consider cutting \$55,000 from the Dane County shared revenue allocation next budget. Obviously, Dane County does not need at least \$55,000 if it can be wasted on a survey of 293 respondents. With such a low response rate, that means \$187 was spent for each returned survey.

Dane County gets about \$\frac{\$4\$ million in shared revenue}{} from taxpayers statewide, I think they can get less, for sure \$55,000 less.

Sincerely,

Matt Adamczyk